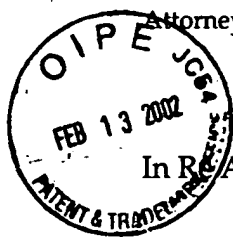


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Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed December 28, 2001, applicant(s)
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